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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM : Leslie C. Dirks
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SUBJECT : STAP Suggestions

1. Attached are comments keyed to the subject note that you received from the DCI. I fully agree with the recommendations in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, and believe that we have been working in this direction for some time. However, I am concerned about the criticism in paragraph 4. If there's something we've missed we're grateful for the comments and not doing the job as well as I thought.

2. One of ORD's principal responsibilities is to keep tuned into the R&D efforts of others. For example, ORD hosted a presentation by [] NSA about five weeks ago which was attended by individuals from four S&T offices. That briefing represented a "tour de force" of that Group's efforts. There were no "technology" surprises. As expected there were some areas of research and development at NSA that are not being considered for application at CIA. These reflect the differences between CIA's and NSA's way of doing business. However, there were far more examples of commonality in interest and pursuit [] 25X1

3. Because of CIA's unique mission, "small systems" should be, and I believe are, our strength. [] 25X1
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would be happy to talk with you and the DCI about these. But if the STAP has found something that we have not, we'd be happy to take a close look. We'll contact [] to hear his suggestions 25X1
on how we can do better. [] 25X1

Leslie C. Dirks

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